

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 14 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

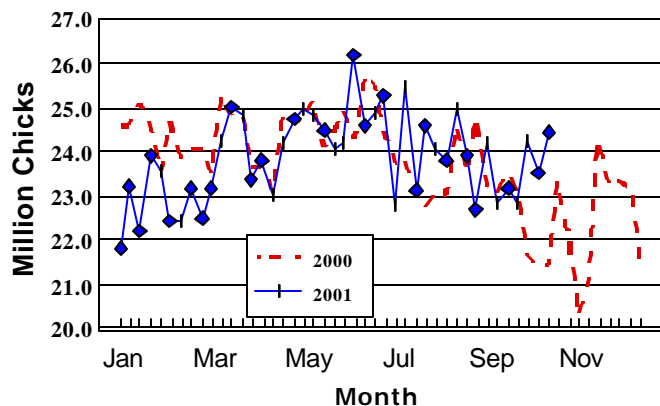
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.4 million during the week ending October 27, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 14 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 4 percent above the previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through October 27, 2001 were 1.03 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.0 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 6 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

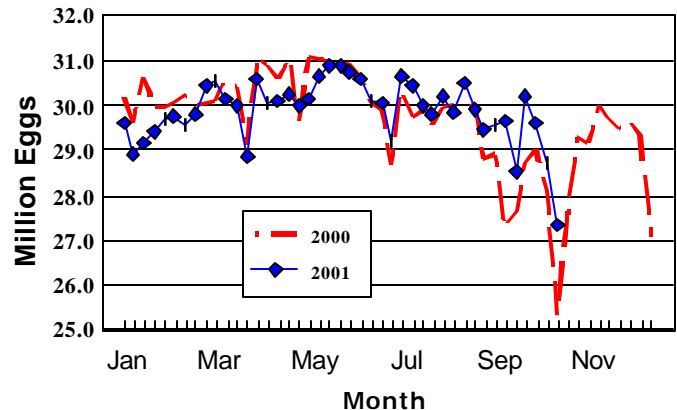
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 27, 2001, down 5 percent from the same period last year but 8 percent above the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 22	23,080	22,834	99	24,656	24,739	100	27,272	29,665	109
Sep. 29	23,537	23,173	98	23,677	24,447	103	27,626	28,546	103
Oct. 6	23,143	22,832	99	23,825	24,395	102	28,699	30,178	105
Oct. 13	21,677	24,248	112	22,249	24,607	111	29,019	29,619	102
Oct. 20	21,373	23,536	110	23,895	23,599	99	28,080	28,743	102
Oct. 27	21,453	24,449	114	23,812	24,985	105	25,299	27,357	108

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
Week Ending					1/	Week Ending					1/	
STATE	06-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct	%	22-Sep	29-Sep	06-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct	%
Alabama	29,344	27,781	26,517	26,109	102	21,915	21,560	21,545	21,081	21,974	22,430	107
ARKANSAS	30,178	29,619	28,743	27,357	108	22,834	23,173	22,832	24,248	23,536	24,449	114
Delaware	3,515	3,448	3,362	3,408	95	4,778	4,884	4,204 *	4,459	4,946	4,812	105
Florida	2,239	2,221	2,188	2,311	103	2,440	2,134	2,205	2,065	2,204	2,047	86
Georgia	32,460 *	31,312 *	28,785	29,221	106	25,791	25,210	25,448	24,074	24,889 *	25,875	105
Maryland	8,576	8,712	8,828	8,514	105	5,753 *	5,467	5,026 *	5,256	5,597	5,041	96
Mississippi	18,339 *	17,401	16,571 *	16,224	107	15,382	14,560	13,674 *	15,411	15,133 *	14,801	99
N. Carolina	16,837 *	16,540	16,206	17,528	106	13,364	13,138	12,926	14,955	14,468	13,535	102
Pennsylvania	3,724	3,502	3,622	3,417	111	2,661	2,629	2,631	2,727	2,883	2,685	96
S. Carolina	4,886	4,838	4,654	4,635	99	4,155	3,903	3,739	3,760	3,635	4,464	101
Texas	14,864 *	14,207	12,837	12,187	103	11,910	11,425	10,615	10,968	11,621	11,840	103
Virginia	6,406 *	6,247	6,681	5,524	97	5,235	5,005	4,779	5,057	5,121	5,280	113
CA TN & W VA	11,010	10,349 *	10,335 *	10,382	99	9,548	8,533	8,833	9,433 *	9,113 *	9,118	104
Total 2001	182,378 *	176,177 *	169,329 *	166,817		145,766 *	141,621	138,457 *	143,494 *	145,120 *	146,377	
Total 2000	175,328	170,272	163,682	159,858		140,916	136,863	136,083	134,917	140,691	139,655	
% PREV. YEAR	104	103	103	104		103	103	102	106	103	105	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	01-Dec	08-Dec	15-Dec	
* Revised .	1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.											
*Kentucky	5,572	4,886	4,826 *	5,045	- -	4,266	4,312	3,738	4,594	4,171 *	4,435	- -
*Oklahoma	6,088	6,137	5,909	5,553	- -	5,840	4,215	5,242	4,850	4,531	4,769	- -
*LA & MO	8,783	8,612	8,392	9,066	- -	8,419	9,175	8,666	7,788	8,313	8,645	- -
19 StateTotal	202,821 *	195,812 *	188,456 *	186,481		164,291 *	159,323	156,103 *	160,726 *	162,135 *	164,226	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 167 million eggs during the week ending October 27, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatch ability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 27, 2001. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through October 27, 2001 were 6.31 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will be available on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/> only. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.

